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In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A dual fishing rod holder comprising:

a mounting post adapted for insertion into a receiver installed on a boat;

a first fishing rod holder having a proximal end and a distal ends, said first fishing rod holder being secured at its proximal end to the mounting post and extending rearwardly from the mounting post; and at least one fastener at the distal end of the rod holder, wherein the fastener is adapted to secure a first fishing rod; and

a second fishing rod holder disposed at an angle relative to the first fishing rod holder, said second fishing rod holder adapted to securely receive ~~the~~ a handle of a second fishing rod and hold said second fishing rod at a substantial angle relative to the first fishing rod; i

wherein the second fishing rod holder is secured at a distance from the top of the proximal end of the first fishing rod holder.

Claim 2(currently amended): A method of securing at least two fishing poles to a single support structure, the method comprising the steps of:

securing a first fishing pole comprising a rod, reel, and line, to a first substantially aft pointing rod holder and releasably securing a second fishing pole comprising a rod, reel, and a second line to a second substantially upwardly pointing rod holder;

setting a the first line from the first fishing pole at a first distance from the support structure and setting the second line from the second pole line a second distance

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greater than the first distance from the support structure.